

(c) All efforts are being made to ensure that the delivery of the SU-30 MKI version of aircraft starts from October 2001 and is completed by 2003.

Shortage of Rations with India-UN Peacekeepers in Sierra Leone

1892. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was reported shortage of rations with Indian and other U.N. peacekeepers, surrounded in Sierra Leone;

(b) if so, the steps taken to supply necessary rations to the trapped peacekeepers; and

(c) the efforts made by the U.N. authorities in this regard and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Indian and other peacekeepers in the UNAMSIL Mission, Sierra Leone, involved in a stand-off with rebel forces in that country for some period, had adequate rations during the period of the stand-off.

Accidents of IAF Aircrafts

† 1893. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

DR. D. NASTHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of IAF aircrafts have met with accidents during the last few years;

(b) if so, the number of aircrafts met with accident in the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000, separately;

(c) the number of pilot died in these accidents;

(d) the number of aircrafts lost during the Kargil war; and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.